

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 962

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A RESOLUTION to commend the women's soccer teams of Hendersonville High School and Pope John Paul II High School on their successful seasons in 2003.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, have attained a degree of excellence paralleled by few; and

WHEREAS, two high schools in Sumner County provided local soccer fans with plenty of reasons to cheer during their successful seasons in the fall of 2003; and

WHEREAS, the women's soccer programs at Hendersonville High School and Pope John Paul II High School each made impressive runs at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's State Championship title in their respective divisions, Division I and Division II; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Commandos of Hendersonville High School returned to the Division I State Tournament after an eight-year absence; and

WHEREAS, in the sectional finals, the team defeated its rival, Brentwood High School, which had ended the Lady Commandos' season in 2002; the women from Hendersonville lost in the Division I State Championship game to Franklin High School, 3-1; and

WHEREAS, despite the disappointing loss, the team and its members have garnered many accolades for their accomplishments this season; the team's 23-2-2 record is the best in school history and five Hendersonville players were named to the All-State team; and

WHEREAS, senior Andrea Stefek has received national acclaim for her talent and ability; named the Tennessee Player of the Year and an Adidas All-American, Miss Stefek also holds the school's record for goals with 43; and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II High School also had a memorable season, which included a trip to the Division II State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment is even more remarkable when considering that this was the first year that the school has had a women's soccer team; and

WHEREAS, in their premiere season, the Lady Knights compiled a record of 17-4-2 and lost the Division II State Championship in a close game by only one goal to Chattanooga Baylor, 1-0; and

WHEREAS, three members of the squad received special recognition on the All-County team, including sophomore Grace Lawson, who led the team with an amazing 49 goals; and

WHEREAS, the successes of Hendersonville High School and Pope John Paul II High School were achieved through the hard work, dedication, perseverance, and determination of these teams' members and coaches, and these individuals deserve special recognition for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, throughout their seasons, the members of these teams exhibited characteristics that bode well for their future success, whether on the athletic field, in the classroom, or in any endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the women's soccer teams from Hendersonville High School and Pope John Paul II High School for their many triumphs in the quest for athletic excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the women's soccer teams of Hendersonville High School and Pope John Paul II High School on their many successes this season and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.